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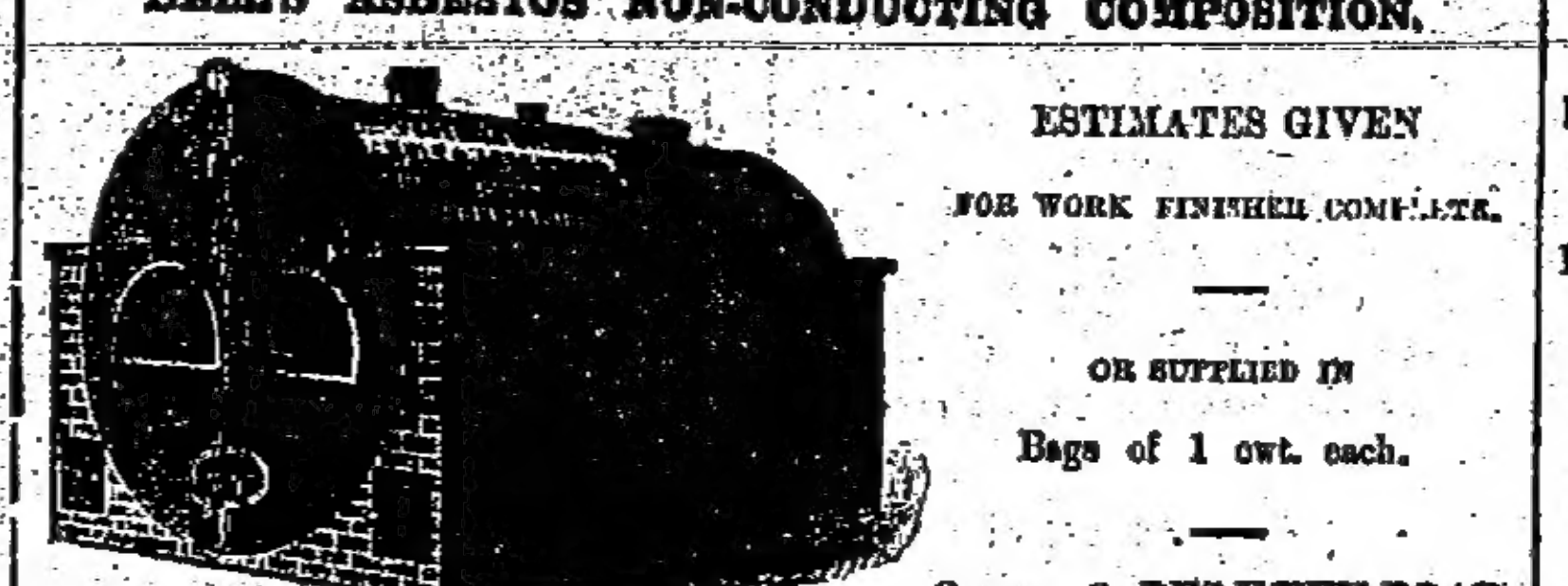
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Dunmore's report. The Australian is evidently in a bad position, and no salvaging craft and gear are available there or Port Darwin to render assistance.

The "Pretoria" was chartered to stand

be done in the way of aiding the migration.

The "Australian," we understand, has nine or 10 passengers aboard passing through here, and an arrangement has been made under which they are to be brought to Thursday Island by the "Tai-yuan," which is due here on Monday. They will tranship into the "Changsha," which is also due here from Sydney on Monday.

The bringing of the "Australian's" passengers to Thursday Island for the "Changsha" is due to the fact that the vessel omits Port Darwin on this voyage.

Valuable local consignments of beche-de-mer are aboard the "Australian," but the exact amount is not available. It is valued at several hundred pounds; but is in transit.

The battleship "Satsuma," which was recently launched at Yokosuka, Japan, has been placed in the First Standing Squadron, and attached to the Sasebo Naval Station.

The Dock Company has been busy for some time past in making preparations to refloat the American steamer "Sorsogon." The "Sorsogon," it will be remembered, sank alongside the Docks during the typhoon of September 18 and was subsequently reported to have been acquired by the Dock Co. Great difficulty in raising her was experienced owing to the rocky nature of the bottom where she foundered, and on the first attempt some of the tackle gave way and she sank again. Yesterday, however, more success was meted out, and it is expected that she will be lifted off the bottom and is expected to be refloated in a day or so.

The "L. & C. Express" has the following description of the steamer "Japan." The is the second vessel constructed by the firm for Messrs Apca & Co., Calcutta, and is intended for the mail service between Calcutta and Chinese ports. She is a handsome vessel 465 ft. in length, with

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An agreement has been entered into between the Japanese and the U.S. Governments for the mutual recognition of their respective certificates of the survey of vessels, and the new treaty came into force recently, says the *Japan Chronicle*.

nicle. An American vessel bearing a certificate of survey by the U.S. authorities, may be employed in navigating Japanese waters without undergoing the survey specified by Japanese law during the period for which the U.S. certificate is valid.

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MEMOR. FOR TO-MORROW.

11 a.m. Auction of Shoes, Silk Bousies, &c., at Mr. Geo. P. Lamont's Sales Rooms.
Miscellaneous.
Goods per Nibba not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.
Goods per Hongkong Maru undelivered after 6 p.m. this date will be landed.

General Memoranda.
Saturday, December 15:—
3.30 p.m.—Annual Championship of Hongkong Gun Club.
Goods per Prinz Sigismund undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Sunday, December 16:—
9 p.m.—Concert at City Hall.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1906.

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS.

SIR EDWARD GREY, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has, in effect, pronounced his benediction upon the change in the control of the Chinese Customs, advancing as the ground for satisfaction the extraordinary reason that there had been no change. He was supported by Sir Robert Hart himself, who also confessed that the appointment of two Chinese officials to the control of the Department involved no change. Yet in making this very announcement he mentioned that he had the "permission" of his two superiors to make it public. Not the permission of the Chinese Cabinet, he noted, but the permission of the two men by whom he had been superseded. The reasons for the attitude taken up by Sir Edward Grey and Sir Robert Hart are not far to seek. The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has the traditional Liberal aversion to adopting an attitude on difficult questions which might lead to strong measures having to be taken at any time. "Peace at any price" has ever been the watchword of the party, and if peace cannot be secured without the abandonment of the rights of Britishers beyond the seas then the Liberal administration is prepared to abandon them with a few self-gratulatory remarks on its own magnanimity and sacrifices to the pacific ideal. It might seem more difficult to explain Sir Robert Hart's acquiescence in his humiliation. But it must be borne in mind that the Inspector-General is a very old man. He probably regards the Customs Department with the feeling of proprietorship which is natural in a man who created it, nursed it through its infancy and brought it to its present state of efficiency. The idea of severing his connection with it would be entirely painful and he would not unnaturally prefer to blind himself to facts and encourage himself in the satisfying deception that nothing was altered. The view that is taken by Sir Edward Grey and Sir Robert Hart is not shared by anyone else who knows anything about the aspirations of the Chinese. It is certain that the Peking Government is highly amused at the support it is gaining from such unexpected quarters. Probably it never dreamt that its breach of treaty agreements would be defended by the country and the individual who had most at stake.

Whoever may be in doubt as to the purpose of the Chinese Government in appointing Tang Shao-yi and Tieh Liang to the control of the Customs it may be taken for granted that the Chinese Government is not. Also it must be remarked that the China Association has never been led astray by the plausible excuses of Peking or the timid entreaties of Sir Edward Grey and Sir Robert Hart to adopt the policy of turning a blind eye to the signals of danger. Our local branch of the Association has, in season and out, compelled attention to the real motives of the Peking Government and the central body at home has ably seconded its efforts. It is not the fault of the

Association that the breach of treaty agreements has been acquiesced in. The Chairman of the Association at the annual dinner in London last month made it absolutely clear that the present position is regarded with distrust and that those who are best qualified to judge anticipate that the abandonment of obvious rights now will lead to trouble hereafter. In passing it may be remarked as significant that no single representative of the Imperial Government attended the dinner. Comment is unnecessary. The disinclination of the Government to protect the rights of those who are interested in the trade of China should not discourage the Association. It should keep hammering away confident in the knowledge that apathy and ignorance cannot prevail for ever.

The directors' statement of the accounts of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha shows that that great company is steadily growing in strength. A dividend of 12 per cent is a very acceptable gift to shareholders and when that handsome dividend can be paid while pursuing the conservative policy of building up a large reserve fund it speaks well for the management. As a consequence of the release of so many vessels which had been used by the Government as troops there was a cutting in freights but, according to Mr. Kondo, the Chairman of the Company, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha had not suffered to the extent expected. Notwithstanding the great and growing competition Mr. Kondo is confident that the N. Y. K. will continue to hold its own and maintain its dividends at the excellent results attained last year. The competition for the Yangtze trade, the Chairman remarked, was growing keener but he did not suggest that the company was fearful of not holding its own. He estimated, however, that the operations of the company were being very closely watched by foreigners, and he counselled extreme caution and circumspection. Altogether the most cautious could find nothing to which to take exception in Mr. Kondo's speech.

Little information has reached us yet as to the occasion of the outbreak of hostilities against the Chinese Government in the Kiangsi Province. It is well known that throughout China there are large numbers of people who are seething with discontent with the present condition of affairs. These dissatisfied people are, however, as far as the public generally knows, without leaders and are quite unable to formulate a plan of campaign and carry it through. It must be assumed therefore that there is some special local irritation which has caused the insurrection in the Pinghsiang district. It is worthy of notice that there has recently been a change of Viceroy in the Two Kiang, for, as is well known, the new Viceroy in Canton came from Kiangnan. His successor is the famous Tuen Fang, who was one of the high officials who were chosen to make the tour through Europe with a view to studying the systems of Government which obtained in the West. He is a Manchurian, though whether very definite in his sympathies for the conservative section of the ruling house cannot perhaps be affirmed. It is difficult to say whether this change of vicerealty has had anything to do with the outbreak of which the telegrams speak. That it has occurred at this juncture may be a mere coincidence. The fact is that it has occurred and that it seems to have assumed some serious dimensions. That there is little danger to be apprehended it may be safe to infer. There are today too many sections of the Chinese army which have been more or less taught how to use the rifle, and will no doubt put their knowledge to account. The day has passed, we think, when a mere rabble can hope to make any headway against trained troops—even though imperfectly trained. Of course it cannot yet be said that these insurrectionaries are without weapons, for, as is well known, arms are constantly being smuggled into China in less or greater quantities, and some of them may be in the hands of the rebels. At any rate we can only wait for information, but in doing so we think that the days when a second Taping Rebellion can follow any outbreak are rapidly becoming among the days of the past. There is little doubt but that when the regular troops, which are being called into requisition, can be brought against the rebels they will be scattered and will disappear.

BY TELEGRAPH.

THE KIANGSI REVOLT.

REBELS CAPTURE LILING.

Troops from Nanking.
(From Our Correspondent.)
SHANGHAI, December 13.

The rebels at Pinghsiang are becoming more daring daily.

A large body of them attacked and captured the city of Liling in Hunan.

Troops under the command of General Houshanyi, comprising a regiment of infantry, a battery of artillery, a company of Engineers, and sections of cavalry and commissariat are leaving Nanking.

The situation is looking very serious.

VICEROY SHUM'S OFFER.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)
SHANGHAI, December 12.

Shum Chun Hsen, ex-Viceroy of Canton, who is here at present, has wired to Prince Ching, offering his services to suppress the rebels.

ANXIETY AT PEKING.

Reinforcements Sent.

PEKING, November 12.

Great anxiety is prevailing here owing to the uprising at Kiangsi.

The Central Government has wired to Tuan Fang, Viceroy of the Liang Kiang provinces, with orders to co-operate with Chang Chi-tung in sending troops to the affected locality.

REBELLION INCREASING.

Protecting Missionaries.

SHANGHAI, December 12.

A telegram from Kiangsi states that the rebels now hold a very extensive area, including the Ihsien district.

The rebel forces dress in white and it is reported that special care is being taken by them to protect Missionaries.

THE OPIUM CRUSADE.

YUAN SHI KAI'S REGULATIONS.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)
PEKING, October 12.

Yuan Shi Kai's regulations with regard to the opium question have been recognised by all the foreign representatives in Peking and have been put into force there.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

The Australian Mail which left Sydney on the 7th ult. per s.s. "Australian" arrived today.

Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Co. have procured really handsome blotting books for 1907. They are excellently made and the covers are artistically produced. A silver shield bears the compliments of the firm, whilst the year 1907 and the word blotter are impressed in silver. The book also contains a calendar.

The Loper Fund.

We have received the sum of \$50 from Mr. H. S. Skott towards the Loper Relief Fund, and have pleasure in acknowledging it.

The Glee Party.

Music lovers will be pleased to learn that a sacred concert by the celebrated Westminster Glee Party has been arranged for Sunday night, at the Theatre Royal. Concerts will also be held on Monday and Tuesday evenings in St. Andrew's Hall, with a Matinee on Tuesday afternoon at the same hall. Those who have purchased tickets for the concerts which were advertised to be held to-night and to-morrow night are advised that they can have them changed for either of the concerts to be given, and are requested to make the change by Saturday. The Glee Singers should be in their element in sacred music, and there should be a large audience to hear them.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

RELIGIOUS STRIFE.

POPE'S ADVICE TO FRANCE.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)
LONDON, December 12.

Great excitement has been caused in the Vatican regarding the Separation Law in France coming into operation.

The Pope, after discussing the situation, said that although he was grieved at the necessity for resorting to extreme measures, it was indispensable that another persecution nor martyrdom should prevent them from protecting their religion.

"Our cause is God's cause," he concluded.

(Reuters's Service.)
NOBEL PRIZE.

LONDON, December 11.

The American Minister in thanking the Secretary, announced that President Roosevelt would use the prize to establish a permanent Peace Committee in Washington; righteous peace in the industrial world being as important as in the international world.

GERMANY.

Colonial Expenditure Checked.

LONDON, December 11.

The Budget Committee of the Reichstag has rejected the supplementary estimate of 21,500,000 for Danubian, including the estimates for a railway, and a much desired Government House.

Stringent Measures.

LONDON, December 11.

Monsieur Montagnani, the Papal representative in Paris, has been searched, arrested, and will be conveyed to the frontier.

The Council of Ministers this afternoon decided on the immediate liquidation of Church property, and to call upon 5,500 seminarists to perform military service.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

(Via Singapore.)

THE EDUCATION BILL.

LONDON, December 2.

Mr. Haldane, Minister for War, speaking at Bedford, said that unless a settlement was effected with regard to the Education Bill a system of secular education must result.

The House of Lords had challenged the Government's right to the claim that they had a mandate from the electors.

The Cabinet was absolutely united on the necessity of taking up the challenge.

A ROWING CHALLENGE.

LONDON, Dec. 2.

The Oxford and Cambridge University Boat Clubs have refused the American invitation to attend the regatta in connection with the Jamestown Exhibition.

INTERESTING SHIPPING CASE.

The decision of the Russian Prize Court at Lissa in the case of the steamer "Oldhamia" is published. The Court finds in favour of the owners of the "Oldhamia," which was captured by the Russians in 1905. The owners claimed £150,000 as selling.

The decision refers only to the American cargo, the judgment of the Court in regard to the steamer itself being postponed pending further expert enquiry.

LLOYD GEORGE'S IDEAS.

Speaking at Oxford, Mr. Lloyd George, President of the Board of Trade, repudiated as absurd the claim of the House of Lords to revise the business of the House of Commons.

He said that if the Lords persisted in this policy the time had come when they had to consider whether the country was to be governed by the King and the Peers, or the King and the people.

SPRINGBOKS V. WALES.

The South Africans played Wales at Swansea on Saturday and defeated the home team by eleven points to nil. The interest centred in the event was unprecedented. Huge crowds of people witnessed the game, for, having a highly long-distance special train, arriving at Swansea on the day of the match.

Wales was confident of winning; and their failure is attributed to the selection of too many old players.

U.S. PACIFIC FLEET.

LONDON, December 2.

At Washington, it is announced that the Asiatic and Pacific Squadrons of the U.S. Navy will be merged into one Squadron shortly, to be called the Pacific Fleet. The Fleet will be under a Flag Officer of the highest rank.

WINNER OF NOBEL PRIZE.

Professor J. J. Thomson, of Cambridge University, has been awarded the Nobel prize for Physics.

GAMBLING IN THE STATES.

LONDON, Dec. 2.

Replying in the House of Commons to a question from Mr. Robert Laidlaw, Liberal member for East Renfrewshire, Mr. Winston Churchill, the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, stated that it was possible for the Western States, because it was a national habit, to some extent to be unknown among other races in the Peninsula.

The prohibition of gambling was inapplicable, and Lord Elgin considered that it would be best to proceed slowly and gradually to abstain the Chinese to the prohibition of the evil.

